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Participants : Tripathy Shri Braja Kishore

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Title : Need to provide immediate relief of Rs, 2,382.43 crores to flood victims of Orissa.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY (PURI): Sir, Orissa has encountered floods in five phases this year commencing from first week of July 2006 and has caused havoc in 27 districts out of 30 districts of the State. About 100 persons have lost their lives and more than 50 lakh people have suffered. About eight lakh hectares of crop area has been damaged and more than a lakh of private houses have either been fully or partially damaged. More than fourteen hundred livestock have perished. Besides, floods, the three districts, namely, Nawapada, Baragarh and Subarnpur were also affected due to pest attack causing damage to khariff crop in 4,571 hectares of land.

The Chief Minister of Orissa had requested the hon. Prime Minister on 12.08.2006 to release the then requirement for tackling the flood situation. The Government of Orissa, after the assessment of damage caused after the fifth phase of floods, submitted a final memorandum for grant of Rs.2,382.43 crore out of the NCCF. The hon. Prime Minister, during his visit to Orissa on 28th August had declared a mid-term assistance of Rs.200 crore from NCCF for the State but only a sum of Rs.25 crore has been sanctioned so far. The balance of Rs.175 crore, instead of given from NCCF as part of declared amount of Rs.200 crore, has been adjusted against the contribution of Union Government, which comes to Rs.116.34 crore to the State Calamity Relief Fund for the year 2006-07and Rs.58.66 crore as advance from the Central share to the State Calamity Relief Fund for the year 2007-08. This is a mockery to the State of Orissa because when the State is suffering from this unprecedented natural calamity and the cruelty of nature, the State of Orissa has been given a paltry sum of Rs.25 crore at the time of its grave crisis.

सभापति महोदय : आपको पढ़ने की जरूरत नहीं है, आपकी मांग क्या है, वह बताइये।

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY : Sir, the hon. Prime Minister remained there for two days in Raj Bhavan, but he could not move from that place because of heavy rains, although he has gone to visit the flood affected areas of Orissa. In this situation, the Government of India is not keeping with the request of the State Government and the people are made to suffer. They are not providing the amount of Rs.200 crore which was promised by the hon. Prime Minister. I am also astonished to find how the declaration of the hon. Prime Minister has not been honoured by the Union Home Ministry.[r78]

So, I would like to request the Government of India to come forward to help the State in this difficult and crisis period and they should provide Rs. 2,382 crore to the State Government, and Rs. 200 crore which was also assured by the Prime Minister to be provided from NCCF. That is my request.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Shri Girdhari Lal Bhargava.

SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY : For fully and partially damaged houses, the State Government requested for one lakh houses under Indira Awas Yojana. So, one lakh houses under (IAY) should also to be provided. (*Interruptions*)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Nothing will go on record except Shri Girdhari Lal Bhargava.

(Interruptions) ...*

सभापति महोदय : गिरधारी लाल भार्गव जी, उनकी बात रिकार्ड में नहीं जा रही है। आपकी बात रिकार्ड में जाएगी।